

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall

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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral. It was founded in 1137
by St Rognvald, in honour of Magnus, his uncle.

The Cathedral belongs to the people of Orkney and its
doors are open to all. If you are a visitor, we hope this order
of service will help you feel part of our worship together.

Cathedral Facebook QR code below.



Please, NO photography of any sort during the service.

Sunday 19 April 2026
Morning Service - 11.15am

Rev Dr John Cook is leading our worship today.

**We welcome all visitors to our service. To use the induction loop system,
please turn to the "T" setting.**

*If you are able, please stand at parts marked **
*All are invited to say the words in **bold print**.*

Welcome

Gathering Music: 'Tis the spring of souls today (Words at Hymn 414 vv.2,4)

Lighting of the Christ candle

Leader: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

All: who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord (Psalm 89:15)

All sing [*seated*] **Hymn 609** [omit v.3] Come, living God, when least expected

Prayer and a time of Silence

* **HYMN 413** The day of resurrection!

Bible Reading:

Leader: How foolish we are, and how slow of heart to believe all that prophets and apostles have written

All: Speak to us, O Lord, through this reading, and through all the Scriptures

Luke 24:13-35 [*New International Version*]

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did

not see Jesus." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Leader: May our hearts burn within us

All: As Christ opens the Scriptures to us.

* **PSALM 43** [Hymn 34] O send thy light forth and thy truth

Contemporary Reading:

Walk before me, for I need to follow.

Walk behind me, and catch me when I fall.

Walk beside me, and be my friend. **Not Albert Camus**

Anthem: **Never weather-beaten sail** **Charles Wood**

SERMON

Time for Reflection [*during which the offering will be brought forward*]

Dedication of the Offering

* **HYMN 540** I heard the voice of Jesus say

* **Sharing the Peace** [*We share a handshake or bow with hands together.*]

Leader: Peace in the walking. Peace in the standing. Peace at the table. Peace be with you.

All: Peace in our hearts. Peace in our homes. Peace in our sharing. Peace in our world.

Candle of Remembrance and Hope

[*All sing*] Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, he rescues me from death.
[*The candle is lit.*]

[*All sing*] Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, he leads me into life.

Vacancy Arrangements - update

Rev Dr Marjory MacLean

Prayers of Concern and the Lord's Prayer

[The prayers close with all saying together:]

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors: and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* **HYMN 166** Lord of all hopefulness

* **Parting words**

Leader: Stay with us, in our hearts, in our homes, and wherever our journey may lead

All: **Open our eyes to recognise around us both the suffering and the risen Christ.**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out

NOTICES

Coffee is served after the service in the north aisle leading up to the St Rognvald Chapel, next to the Royal Oak bell.

All are warmly invited to join us for coffee and a chat.

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Sunday 26 April

9.30am Early communion in the St Rognvald Chapel

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

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Wednesday 29 April

7.30pm An evening with the Leprosy Mission, at the Life Church, East Road, Kirkwall. The talk on the work of the organisation will include recent visits to Nepal and India. Tea, coffee and homebakes afterwards.

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Wednesday 6 May

7pm St Magnus Centre AGM, in the Centre.

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Sunday 10 May

12.30pm Christian Aid Week Soup Lunch in the St Magnus Centre.
